



kapukeiki

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Add a little embroidery and a few beads to some wool felt and you've got a sweet treat that even Mom will let you have seconds on. This so-easy cupcake is designed to become a magnet, pin or hanging ornament. You decide! (P.S. Use different colors of felt and make lots of flavors!)

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skill level:
you can DO this!

overall materials:

- Wool felt (we used felt from National Nonwovens)
- Embroidery floss or decorative thread (we used Aurifil Lana wool)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing or cotton balls
- Embroidery needle
- Seed beads or similar beads that look like candy sprinkles
- Scissors
- Marking pencil or pen
- Magnet, pin back or 4" to 6" length of ribbon (optional)
- Craft glue

instructions:

1. Use paper scissors and cut out the template from the felt.. You will have one full cupcake, one cupcake top and one cupcake bottom.
2. Trace the face onto the felt cupcake top using a pencil or pen. Mark it dark enough to see but light enough that it won't show if your stitches don't cover it perfectly.
3. Thread your needle with black floss and tie a knot at the end. Start on one side of the eye and make careful stitches across the eye, to cover your drawn lines. Do not pull too tight and go slowly.

4. Choose red or pink floss and thread your needle and tie a knot at the end. Make a backstitch covering the mouth. (A backstitch is like a running stitch without the spaces. You can find a video on how to do a backstitch at http://www.needlenthread.com/2006/10/embroidery-stitch-video-tutorial_24.html)
5. Choose embroidery floss colors that match your cupcake felt. Stitch accent lines along the sides to create the frosting. (This may be easier for older Q-bies, so ask for help from an adult if you need it.)
6. Thread your needle with embroidery floss that matches your cupcake bottom. Lay the felt cupcake bottom (Template B) onto the felt cupcake top (Template A). Stitch the two pieces together using a running stitch.
7. Lay the front onto the back and stitch around the sides and top with a running stitch, leaving the bottom open.
8. Stuff your cupcake with some fiberfill or cotton balls until it is as puffy as you like.
9. Stitch up the bottom, using a running stitch.
10. Glue or sew on small beads on the “frosting” part to look like sprinkles. ✨

Optional: Glue a magnet or pin backing to the cupcake to make a magnet or pin. Stitch a loop of ribbon on the top to make an ornament.

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